

# OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2004 EXPENDITURE	FY 2005 APPROPRIATION	FY 2006 REQUEST	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2006
Defender Services	\$ 25,551,936	\$ 26,221,780	\$ 44,810,525	\$ 26,451,626
Federal Grants	0	125,000	125,000	125,000
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	1,141,187	1,218,134	1,968,134	1,968,743
Homicide/Conflict of Interest Cases	<u>2,266,933</u>	<u>2,241,502</u>	<u>2,241,502</u>	<u>2,241,502</u>
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 28,960,056	\$ 29,806,416 *	\$ 49,145,161	\$ 30,786,871
PERSONAL SERVICE				
General Revenue Fund	21,395,983	22,984,589	35,880,703	23,214,435
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	40,086	60,778	60,778	61,387
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT				
General Revenue Fund	6,422,886	5,478,693	11,171,324	5,478,693
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	1,075,096	1,125,876	1,875,876	1,875,876
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION				
Federal Funds	0	125,000	125,000	125,000
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	<u>26,005</u>	<u>31,480</u>	<u>31,480</u>	<u>31,480</u>
TOTAL	\$ 28,960,056	\$ 29,806,416	\$ 49,145,161	\$ 30,786,871
General Revenue Fund	27,818,869	28,463,282	47,052,027	28,693,128
Federal Funds	0	125,000	125,000	125,000
Legal Defense and Defender Fund	1,141,187	1,218,134	1,968,134	1,968,743
Full-time equivalent employees	541.06	560.13	825.38	560.13

\* Does not include \$750,000 legal defense and defender funds recommended in the Fiscal Year 2005 Supplemental Appropriations. See the Supplemental section of the Missouri Budget for details regarding the Office of the State Public Defender supplemental appropriations.

## POLICY SUMMARY

The Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution assures that no person accused of a crime and unable to pay for legal assistance shall face trial without counsel. Established in 1982, the Office of the State Public Defender exists as a system for providing defense services to every jurisdiction within the state by means of a centrally administered organization having a full-time staff. The State Public Defender System fulfills the constitutional guarantee of legal counsel for persons accused of criminal offenses in Missouri's 45 judicial circuits (embracing 114 counties and the City of St. Louis).

Functioning as an independent department of the Missouri judicial branch, the Office of the State Public Defender is charged with providing legal defense for indigents accused of criminal offenses. The office's caseload has grown from 73,738 cases in Fiscal Year 1999 to 98,336 projected cases in Fiscal Year 2006, an increase of 33 percent.

A properly funded public defender system is essential to maintain an efficient, effective, and constitutional criminal justice system. Therefore, the Governor's recommendations provide ongoing funding of \$30.8 million.

### Fiscal Year 2006 Governor's Recommendations

- \$750,000 other funds for training purposes.
- \$230,455 for pay plan, including \$229,846 general revenue.